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Freshman wins four matches in her Eagle debut over the weekend
Women's Tennis
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HILTON HEAD, S.C. - For a second consecutive weekend, a Georgia Southern women's tennis player has qualified for a future ITF event as freshman [Dana Heimen](#) defeated teammate and junior [Sophie Wagemaker](#), 6-0, 6-3, in the Hilton Head 15k Pre-Qualifier on Sunday.

Heimen, playing in her first event for the Eagles, won four matches on the weekend to earn the spot in the DVDM Shipyard Cup qualifying draw on October 4-10. She defeated Kensington Payne, 6-2, 6-1, in the Round of 16 and then knocked off Emily Ruckno, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, in the Quarterfinals.

The semifinals featured three Eagles as fellow freshman [Luise Reisel](#) downed Emma Grant, 6-0, 6-1, in the quarterfinals, while Wagemaker defeated Lauren Hatfield, 6-3, 6-1, in her quarterfinal match.

Heimen battled Reisel in the semifinals and won in three sets, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2. Wagemaker earned her spot in the finals by downing Claire Hill, 6-1, 6-4.

"We had another overall solid weekend on the court," Georgia Southern Head Women's Tennis Coach [Sean McCaffrey](#) said. "All three ladies had some strong moments during the weekend. Sophie had a really nice win on Saturday to send her into the final. And perhaps the highlight of the weekend was when Dana played Lulu in their semifinal. The first set of their match was really entertaining. Such a high level of tennis from both. Congratulations to Dana on winning the event and earning a wildcard into the ITF event in October. She continued to get stronger in each of her four matches over the three days."

Weekend Results at Hilton Head ITF 15k Pre-Qualifier

Singles

Round of 16

[Dana Heimen](#) def. Kensington Payne 6-2, 6-1

Quarterfinals

[Luise Reisel](#) def. Emma Grant 6-0, 6-1

[Sophie Wagemaker](#) def. Lauren Hatfield 6-3, 6-1

[Dana Heimen](#) def. Emily Ruckno 6-3, 5-7, 6-3

Semifinals

[Dana Heimen](#) def. [Luise Reisel](#) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2

[Sophie Wagemaker](#) def. Claire Hill 6-1, 6-4

Final

[Dana Heimen](#) def. [Sophie Wagemaker](#) 6-0, 6-3